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- On 29 November 1953 the Yugoslav Embassy in Sofia held a reception on the occasion of the Yugoslav National Holiday, to which 120 Bulgarians were invited without prior confirmation from the Bulgarian protocol department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Fifty invitations were accepted, and the majority of these guests had requested and received permission to attend from the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Friendly relations between Yugoslavs and Bulgarians exceeded the usual limits. The Bulgarians, led by the well-known actor, Trendafilov, began to kiss M. Djuric, former Yugoslav Minister to the USSR and now chairman of the Danube Navigation Commission, who was in Sofia on his way to Galati for a conference of the Commission. The Yugoslavs were surprised and unfavorably impressed by this outburst of affection.
- On 29 November 1953 the Albanians also held a reception on the occasion of their National Holiday, which coincides with the Yugoslav Holiday. Members of both the Bulgarian Government and of the Satellite diplomatic corps attended both receptions. Premier Vukko Chervenkov attended only the Albanian reception.

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